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Employed for 20 years with U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Mr. Joseph T. Rannazzisi began his career assigned to the Chicago Field Division in 1986 as a Diversion Investigator in Indianapolis, Indiana District Office. He became a Special Agent in 1988 and was assigned to the Detroit Field Division where he served as the Clandestine Laboratory Coordinator, Clandestine Laboratory Group, until he was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in 1997. He supervised a state and local task force group, which was responsible for investigations of drug-related homicides, conspiracies and trafficking within federally funded housing facilities in the Detroit metropolitan area.

In December 2000 Mr. Rannazzisi was assigned to the Operations Division, DEA Headquarters as a Staff Coordinator. Mr. Rannazzisi was responsible for the oversight of a special enforcement program that targeted traffickers of hallucinogens, club drugs and predatory drugs. In 2001 he was promoted to the Dangerous Drugs and Chemicals Section as Section Chief where he coordinated clandestine laboratory enforcement operations nationwide.

In September 2002, Mr. Rannazzisi was assigned to the DEA Detroit Field Division as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge. In this capacity he supervised 70 employees and task force personnel in enforcement and administrative areas.

In June 2004, Mr. Rannazzisi was assigned to the Office of Diversion Control, DEA Headquarters as the Deputy Director. In October 2004, Mr. Rannazzisi was assigned to the Enforcement Operations Section as Deputy Chief with oversight for all enforcement operations within DEA.

In January 2006, Mr. Rannazzisi was appointed to the position of Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Diversion Control and currently performs in that capacity. The Office of Diversion Control's mission is to prevent, detect and investigate the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals from legitimate channels while ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals to meet legitimate medical, commercial and scientific needs. Mr. Rannazzisi also oversees the coordinating of major investigations, drafting and promulgating regulations, establishing drug production quotas; drafting and proposing national legislation; conducting industry liaison, program resource planning and allocating as well as conducting liaison with international governments and state and local law enforcement agencies. He holds a BS Degree in Pharmacy from Butler University and a JD Degree from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. He is a Registered Pharmacist in the State of Indiana and a member of the Michigan State Bar Association.